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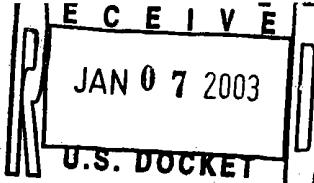
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ASSIGNMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made by us, **Douglas E. Maxwell**, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 21W078 Shelley Dr., Itasca, Illinois, 60143; **Frank Cammarata III**, a citizen of the United States, residing at 55 Briargate Rd., Cary, Illinois, 60013; and **Anthony J. Donovan**, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 954 Grant St., Bartlett, Illinois, 60103;

WITNESSETH: That,

WHEREAS, we are the joint inventors of certain new and useful improvements in **SAMPLE CONTACT PLATE WITH LATCHABLE COVER** for which application for United States Letters Patent no. 10/178,422 was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 24, 2002; and

WHEREAS, **bioMérieux, Inc.**, a Missouri corporation having a principal place of business at 100 Rodolphe Street, Durham, North Carolina 27712, hereinafter referred to as assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention as described in said applications, and in and to any and all Letters Patent which shall be granted therefor in the United States of America and all foreign countries;

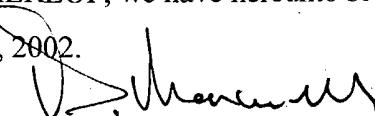
NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said invention and applications, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues or other forms of protection thereof which may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted along with any term extensions thereon or therefor, together with the right to claim the priority of said applications in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by said assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made.

We hereby request that said Letters Patent be issued in accordance with this assignment.

We further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, we possess full title to the invention and applications above-mentioned, and that we have the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

We further covenant and agree to promptly communicate to said assignee or its representatives any facts known to us relating to said invention, to testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said invention, to execute any additional papers which may be requested to confirm the right of the assignee, its representatives, successors, or assigns to secure patent or similar protection for the said invention in all countries and to vest in the assignee complete title to the said invention and Letters Patent, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, assigns, and other legal representatives; and we hereby instruct, and further covenant and agree to bind our heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, to do same, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignee or its representatives.

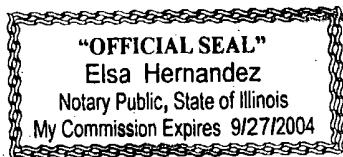
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day of August, 2002.


Douglas E. Maxwell

(SEAL)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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Before me personally appeared **Douglas E. Maxwell**, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes therein stated, this 22nd day of August, 2002.




Elsa Hernandez
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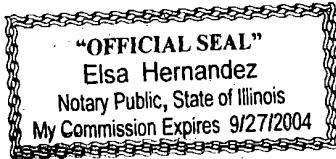
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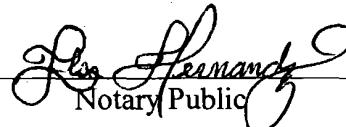

Frank Cammarata III

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals on this 22
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